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The Last LETTERS, To the London-Merchants AND Faithful Miniſters

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The further Proceedings of the Converſion and Reſtauration of the *Jews*; With moſt ſtrange and wonderful Miracles, performed by the Holy Captain-General of the *Wandring Iſraelites*; A Prophecie touching the Downfall of *Babylon* in 66, and the time of the Goſpel to be Preach'd throughout the whole World; The Number of their Great Armies; A Deſcription of their Perſons, Habits, and Weapons; the *rowing* of the *King* of *Arabia*, and *killing* many thouſand *Turks*. And the fearful Dream of the Turkiſh Emperour, worthy of Obſervation by all good Chriſtians.

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The last Letters from Dr. Serarius, and the City of Jerusalem, concerning the further Proceedings of the Jews, in order to their Conversion.

SIR,

YOurs I have received, and was glad of that Return of your Love: In part of Retaliation I shall communicate the further Proceedings and Ratlings of the Houle of Israel: For since my last, we have had several Expresses not onely from Jerusalem, but Tunis also; That this year no Carrivan is to go to Mecha, by reason the City is besieged by the Israelites, who appear in great Numbers, and are said to be sent by the Ten Tribes to be the Fore-runners: From

From Jerusalem we have received very good News, and likewise many of our Christian Merchants have received the like from Alexandria, The Particulars of which is, that the Bashaw of Alexandria, with the King of Arabia, made use of a Carravan, that is, an Army of Sixty Thousand Men, and marched toward Mecha, and being within one days Journey of the Citie, sent out a Troop to take notice how things were, which Troop having seen this People lying in Tents about the Citie, and hearing that they profest themselves to be Israelites, reported this to the Bashaw, who for all that resolved to march on with his Forces, and coming within sight of the City, discovered an innumerable Multitude of People coming out of their Tents. Whereupon the Turks advanced up against them, gave fire, & discharged several Volleys of round shot; but after a little fighting a pannick fear took them and terror seized on them, making them cry out, Who is able to fight with these People, seeing our Arrows and Shot return back upon our selves. So the Turks leaving off fighting, returned Home, and the Israelites into their Tents without pursuing them. This Affront caused the Bashaw and King of the Moors, to go out all Egypt and Arabia, to impose on the Jews in all their Dominions, a new Tax five times greater then it was before. And the Bashaw, the better to inform himself what this People were sent ten Jews to them, who found them to be Israelites, and that they spake Hebrew, saying, they were sent before to remain at Meka till the rest of their Brethren came, for that the time was now come, that they should return unto their own Land of their Fore-Fathers, which others had

had usurped and taken from them. Another Letter saith, that the Commander of Meka sent 4 Trwps to oppose them, but not one returned, and that divers Caravans and great Bodies have bin wholly defeated by the said Israelites; and that twelve thousand Turks coming from a City called Metai, near Meka, were also routed, and eight thousand slain upon the Place, their own Swords and Muskets turning against themselves. Of the ten Jews that were sent for remained with their Brethren, and but 4 returned to the Turks. As for the great Prophet in North-Skilton, Doctor Colloneck hath bin at his House in a Town called Long-Ditch, where he heard these things out of his own Mouth, That in the Year, 1661. he meditated on the Scriptures speaking of the Latter Times; as *Matth.* 24. *Esay* 24. *Jer.* 50. *Ezek.* 28. *Dan.* 7. It hapned that he being awake in his Bed near Morning he heard a distinct Voice telling him, that Babylon was to fall in 66. and that at Midnight even as it hapned to Belshazer; and that Her Fall would cause such a Terror and Consternation to fall upon Men, that from that time until 76, there would be a stand in Divine Worship, and many Judgments would fall on divers Cities and Towns, whereof some would suddenly be swallowed up and Long-Ditch ruined, and few escape; yet notwithstanding he hath no freedom to return. But in the Year 72. there will be some Meetings again though no Communion held all that time, onely a beginning of Practise: But in 72, there will be a full Communion and Restitution of the Apostolical Worship, And then will the Gospel be preached throughout the whole World.

This is the substance of a Letter sent to Doctor Homes.

From *Saley* in *Barbary*, August 16. 1665.

Worthy Sir,

THE Tidings of the 15. of *July*, concerning the March of our Brethren, the *Ten Tribes* of *Israel*, is now from several places confirmed to Us, all *Things* being so full of wonder, that for some few days we could scarcely believe, or give credit to it, from the City of *Sus*, otherwise called *Santa-Crew*. But now We have certain Information, that they are on the side of the Desart, and move from several places to the said Desart South of *Morocco*, being not far from *Cape de Ver*, but more within the Land. And they appear daily more and more in great Multitudes, having suddenly and unexpectedly manifested themselves, covering a vast *Tract* of Ground, and consisting of about eight thousand Companies or *Troops*, each of which containing from one hundred to a thousand Men.

They who went thither to see and enquire who they were, found them to be Strangers, and an unknown People, whose Language they understood not, only some few of their Commanders speak *Hebrew*. Their Arms are Swords, Bows, Arrows, and Lances, each Man being well armed therewith, but no Guns at all. They have for their Chief Leader, or Captain, a *Holy Man* who understandeth all Languages, and marcheth before them, doing Miracles.

These, with several of their Actions, were all related to me by a Convert Rabby, who has been discoursing amongst them and hath affirmed it by an Oath, upon the *Book of the Law*.

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But in Confirmation of all which, here are now arrived ſeveral Gentlemen of good repute and Credit, who relate, paſſing by the Places above-mentioned, That they underſtood the ſame *Things*, which the *Rabby* and others, who had ſeen them before, had related, and many *Things* more; amongſt the reſt, that this unknown People were come from the Mountainous Countreys in the Wilderneſs, and were advanced as far as *Mechanas*. There is a certain Jew in the City of *Sus*, who hath teſtified and declared, that he hath ſeen the People called *Iſraelites*, and going amongſt them, diſcourſed with many of their Commanders in the *Jew*, but underſtood not the Language of the great Multitude: yet withall heard of other *Jews* that ſeveral of them ſpake the *Holy Tongue*; and that whoſoever goeth to contend with this People in Battel, are preſently vanquiſhed, and ſlain.

They have already poſſeſt themſelves of ſeveral Places and Cities, putting all the Inhabitants to the Sword, the *Jews* onely excepted. They are a People of a middle ſtature, their Bodies comely, their Complexions fair: This Party ſaw no Woman amongſt them, nor any other Arms, beſides thoſe above-mentioned; their Horſes are many, their Attire blew, and their *Tents* black. From the aforeſaid City of *Sus*, the whole Hoſt of them might be plainly and diſtinctly viewed the whole Week, and might ſee their Fires and Smoak aſcending; but on the Sabbath, neither of both could be diſcerned throughout the whole Camp, or Hoſt.

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Several of them being got up on a very high Sand, the Mountain where they are employed to dig is very deep in the said Sand, where they expect to find a *Brass-Tamber*, that is, a *Trumpet*, with the which they are to sound a times, and then all Nations are to be gathered into one Universal Church. Their Leader is of an extraordinary discerning Spirit, and as soon as he sees a man he knows his Mind, and what is in his Heart. It's said, that coming to a great River not Foordable, he consulted the passage, and the whole Army went to Prayers, imploring the most High, that as he was pleased to divide the Waters of the Red Sea for their Ancestors and as the great Messias was born of a Virgin; so He would now shew some Sign thereof to them, to evince them of the *Truth*, by working of a Miracle; and 'tis said, that as soon as they had ended prayer, the Waters divided, and the whole Army marched over. Great Signs now of a Conversion; and many signal Signs in the Heavens and on the Earth to teach Us the great Work of Redemption. A Meteor, like a Cob-Web, as if a Spider had spun it, fell in *Norway*, which covered the Fields, and killed the Corn, they were 12 Ells in length, and as much in breadth. In *Franconia* fell Hail-stones of a pound and a half weight. And in *Berlesmus* is to be seen on a Mount a huge Stone, which 8 horses were not able to stir, this Stone lay deep in a Ditch, and came up of it self out of the ground, and bare it self to Cubits in height. This seems as strange to some, as the Great *Turks* Dream did to himself, which was, *That a Jew had taken the Crown from his Herd*: Which possibly may be accomplished in

THE END.